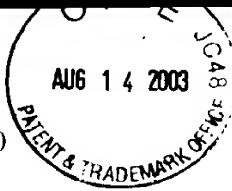


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SIR:

In response to the Official Action dated April 14, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

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